

Sinclair's fake news intitled "News Central" has long displayed an attitude representing the Republican right wing. Take a look at Hymans 'Commentaries'. Over and over he has promoted the talking points of a radical White House, slandered a true American hero like Sen. John Kerry and implied that those who dissent in a democracy are un-patriotic. News Central makes no attempt at finding the truth or facts but makes a tireless thinly concealed effort to promote a right wing agenda. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more factual news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Simply put, Sinclair offers attack ads on Sen. Kerry as 'news', dismisses fact based pro-Kerry ads as propaganda and disguises bad political decisions and serious issues all in order to promote a radical conservative agenda that threatens democracy! Sinclair is NOT serving the public interest. Thank you.